

REMARKS

This Amendment A is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 27, 2006. Applicants ask for reconsideration and allowance of claims 2-10, 12, 14-21, and 26-31 as set forth herein.

The Status of the Claims

Claims 1-25 were examined in the March 27th Office Action.

Claims 3, 6-10, 12, and 14-21 are indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 11, 13, and 22-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Collins, III et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,547,249 (hereinafter "Collins").

The Claims Patentably Distinguish over the References

Claims 1, 11, 13, and 22-25 have been canceled to expedite prosecution. However, Applicants reserve the right to prosecute these claims in a subsequent continuation or continuation-in-part application claiming priority to the present application.

Claims 8, 9, 10, 12, and 15 have each been placed into independent form including the limitations of the base claims. Each of claims 8, 9, 10, 12, and 15 are indicated in the Office Action as containing allowable subject matter. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 8, 9, 10, 12, and 15 as set forth herein are in condition for allowance.

Claims 2-7 now depend from claim 8.

Added dependent claims 26-31 correspond to claims 2-7 but depend from claim 10.

Claims 14 and 16-21 now depend from claim 15.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that claims 2-7, 14, 16-21, and 26-31 each depend from an allowable claim and accordingly are in condition for allowance.

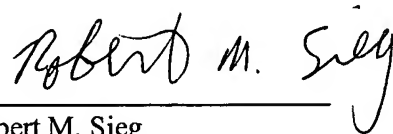
Applicants therefore respectfully request allowance of claims 2-10, 12, 14-21, and 26-31 as set forth herein.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2-10, 12, 14-21, and 26-31 as set forth herein are in condition for allowance, and therefore request allowance of claims 2-10, 12, 14-21, and 26-31 as set forth herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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